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1. In March an "Anti-American and Support Thailand"* movement was initiated in Yunnan. Between January and March, a "Resist the Americans, help the Koreans, join the army, and food requisition" campaign has been extensively conducted in Yunnan.
2. Beginning in early 1951, great efforts have been exerted by Chinese Communists in Yunnan to support an underground movement in Thailand. Communist-trained Burmese troops have been sent to such places in Burma as Kyitkyina, Bhamo, and Namkham, to consolidate bases for attacking Burma (sic).
3. Ninety percent of the troops in the 4 Army Group, 2 Field Army, are farmers from Shansi, Hopeh, Honan, and other provinces. Because they are away from home and see no hope for demobilization, most of them are homesick and their morale is getting lower. Also, the news of heavy Chinese Communist losses in Korea has increased their uneasiness and some have deserted. In the 4 Army Group, the infantry units are fairly well-equipped, the artillery and signal units are in good condition, but the cavalry and engineer units are inferior to the other units.

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